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AND A CONTROL SOLUTION

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action December 17, 2008, please enter the following amendments and remarks in the above-mentioned patent application.

A request for a three-month extension of time and the requisite fee have been enclosed with this Response.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any extensions of time as well as any additional fees or credit any overcharges to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.